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To: All Community Providers
From: Marie Hodgdon, Director, Division of Purchased Services
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Date: October 18, 2006
Subject: Resolution Agreement re Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

In response to a grievance filed, the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services has entered into a Resolution Agreement with the Office for Civil Rights that affirms the Department's commitment to compliance with all provisions of Title VI and its implementing regulations. The Resolution Agreement is specifically aimed at assuring "access to , and an equal opportunity to participate fully in the services, activities, programs or other benefits administered by ME DHHS." The full text of the Resolution Agreement may be found at the website for the DHHS Division of Purchased Services at maine.gov/dhhs/purchased-services/

One of the terms of the Resolution Agreement is that all "applicable grantees, contractors, cooperative agreement participants and other entities with which ME DHHS arranges or contracts for services execute an Assurance of Compliance certifying compliance with the requirements of Title VI...". In order to comply with this for current agreements, we are requiring all community providers to sign the attached Assurance of Compliance provided by the Office of Civil Rights and return to the Agreement Administrator. For future agreements, the Assurance will be included in each agreement for community services.

Please sign and return the attached Assurance to your Agreement Administrator by October 31, 2006. Due to the nature of the Resolution Agreement, we will need to withhold payments for any providers who do not return the Assurance by the due date.

Thank you for your cooperation in this. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Proffitt at 287-4289.

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